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HOUSE BILL 112
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2 and Part 3, relative to insurance coverage for eligible dependents of public officers and employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

8-27-2___. Any dependent of a retired state employee who is participating in the insurance plan authorized by § 8-27-201 and who is receiving social security disability benefits by virtue of a disability suffered by the dependent shall not be required to discontinue coverage in the basic medical plan authorized by § 8-27-201(a)(1) upon eligibility for Part A of Medicare. Any such dependent may continue in the plan to the point at which Medicare eligibility would have been attained had the disability not occurred; provided, that such dependent remains eligible for the social security disability benefits and that Part B of Medicare is retained. The insurance premium shall be the same as that charged to non-disabled dependents who are not yet eligible for Medicare. Any additional cost incurred by the medical insurance coverage authorized by

§ 8-27-201 which is attributable to the extension offered pursuant to this section shall be funded through an increase in the premium paid.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

8-27-3___. Any dependent of a retired local education agency employee who is participating in the insurance plan authorized by § 8-27-302 and who is receiving social security disability benefits by virtue of a disability suffered by the dependent shall not be required to discontinue coverage in the basic medical plan authorized by § 8-27-302 (a)(1) upon eligibility for Part A of Medicare. Any such dependent may continue in the plan to the point at which Medicare eligibility would have been attained had the disability not occurred; provided, that such dependent remains eligible for the social security disability benefits and that Part B of Medicare is retained. The insurance premium shall be the same as that charged to non-disabled dependents who are not yet eligible for Medicare. Any additional cost incurred by the medical insurance coverage authorized by § 8-27-302 which is attributable to the extension offered pursuant to this section shall be funded through an increase in the premium paid.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be subject to the funding being provided in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.